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Letter dated 4 February 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement of an official source at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar, dated 2 February 2002, in which it expressed its rejection and condemnation of the procedure of abducting innocent people (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 119 and 166 entitled "Human rights questions and measures to eliminate international terrorism", and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 4 February 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

[Original: Arabic]

Qatar rejects and condemns the abduction of innocent people

Qatar has rejected and condemned the practice of abducting and mistreating innocent people — for any reason whatever — as incompatible with morality and humanitarian principles. In a statement to the Qatar News Agency on Saturday, 2 February 2002, an official spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed condemnation of this practice, especially the targeting of journalists and other media representatives performing their professional duties. He expressed concern and regret at the recent detention of a correspondent for the *Wall Street Journal* and voiced the hope that he would be released as soon as possible.